

BIG CHIP NEWS



BIG CHIP SHORE-OWNERS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 17 AT CHIPPEWA PARK

This year we are going to try a new venue for our annual meeting. Instead of meeting at the Brandon High School as we have in the past, we will meet at Chippewa Park on Devil's Lake. We will have our meeting at 10:00 a.m. on June 17, with a pig roast picnic following, sponsored by the Big Chip Lake Shore-owners Association.

The Brandon Township Board has voted to go ahead and start the application process for the proposed new sewer system. There will be a public hearing on July 1 at 10:00 a.m. about the progress in the application process. We encourage as many lakeshore association members as possible to attend this meeting. Brandon Township supervisors will be at our annual meeting for a discussion on the progress of the proposed sewer project. Engineers from Widseth, Smith and Nolting will also be there with a map showing the proposed location of the sewer lines, including lift stations. They will be happy to answer questions about the proposed sewage system.

There will be a roasted pig, buns, baked beans, chips and brownies provided at the picnic. All paper plates, napkins and silverware will also be provided. Please bring your own beverages and lawnchairs. There is a RSVP on the bottom of the membership form attached to the back of this newsletter. Please fill out the form and return with your \$10.00 membership fee as soon as possible. We need to have an accurate count for the picnic and also encourage everyone to send in their membership fee PROMPTLY. It is very expensive to have to send another mailing to ask for membership fees.

There will be a dumpster provided again this year for all members' convenience. The dumpster will be at the park the day of the meeting.

There will be an election of new board members at the annual meeting. Carol Cashman will be leaving her post as Treasurer after many years of loyal service. Jim Otto would like to remain on the board, but not as president. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. The board meets 3 to 4 times per year. It is not a big time commitment and a great way to meet people on the lake and stay in touch with what is happening in the area.

Lakeshore directories will be handed out to all members who have paid their 1999 dues. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your directory will be mailed to you. There may be additional copies available for \$3.00.

BONFIRES CAN CAUSE LAKE PROBLEMS

If you enjoy a bonfire near the shoreline, remember to grab a shovel after the fire is out and dump the ashes inland to prevent phosphorus in the ashes from seeping into the lake. Better yet, move the fire pit away from the shore. An average bonfire containing 22 pounds of firewood produces enough phosphorous to raise the phosphorous level 1 part per billion in 350,000 gallons of lake water. This can be a significant amount when multiplied by bonfires over time and added to other sources of phosphorus nearby. Phosphorous stimulates an overgrowth of algae and aquatic plants, and when they decompose, use up oxygen depended upon by fish and other aquatic life.



WATER QUALITY MONITORING

Jim Otto, Virgil Linn and John Gilson will be doing secchi disc testing and monitoring the amount of Chlorophyll A and phosphorous in the lake this summer. Anyone who has some knowledge of this process or would just like to volunteer to help can call any of these gentlemen and let them know you are available.